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FLOW FROM A LAUTER TUN



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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 29, 2003, applicants hereby provisionally elects, with traverse, Group I, claims 12-19 and 25, for examination at this time.

Group I, claims 12-19 and 25, are drawn to methods for controlling a wort outflow from a lauter tun and Group II, claims 20-24, are directed to a device for brewing and controlling wort outflow. Applicants respectfully submit that a single search directed to the subject matter of claims 12-19 and 25 would necessarily reveal art directed to the subject matter of claims 20-24. Therefore, consideration of both groups would not be unduly burdensome on the Examiner.

The Examiner is invited to call applicant's undersigned counsel to discuss any issues that can be expediently resolved over the telephone during prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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